

NEWSNOTES
CONDENSED

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

Washington.

A bill providing for the opening of agricultural settlement and development of the surface of lands which have been classified as coal lands was passed by the house. The measure would reserve about 70,000,000 acres as coal lands.

A bill was introduced in the senate by Senator Burkett increasing the limit of cost of the new federal building at Columbus, Neb., from \$65,000 to \$75,000. It was found that under the specifications called for contractors could not undertake to construct the building for the amount allowed in the bill.

Attorney General Wickersham will have a rival in his investigation of the so-called cotton pool. The senate committee which is inquiring into the cost of living decided to turn its attention to cotton as well as food products.

Protest against the bill conveying to the cities of Colorado Springs, Manitou and Cascade, Colo., 21,000 acres of land on the north slope of Pike's peak to be used for bettering the water supply of the cities was filed by the forest service through Associate Forester Potter with the house committee on house lands.

Attorney General Wickersham declined to send to the senate, in response to the resolution introduced by Mr. Smith of Carolina, information in connection with his investigation into the alleged pooling in cotton.

The state department returned to Governor Shallenberger the extradition papers which he forwarded with the request that the state department take steps to return to Nebraska Thomas F. Shireman who is a fugitive from justice in Calgary, Canada, and is wanted in Keith county on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Governor Shallenberger's request for extradition was forwarded through Senator Brown.

A rate readjustment is being made by all interstate carriers in the territory between the Mississippi river and the Atlantic seaboard. The routes included are the water-and-rail, as well as the standard and differential lines. It is understood the increased rates will become effective about July 1.

General.

John D. Rockefeller, always popular among the people of Tarrytown, N. Y., where he lives, is adding to that popularity this spring by his fondness for taking his friends and neighbors out driving. Not a pleasant day goes by without the oil king inviting some of them, men, women and children, to ride with him in automobile or carriage, and it is safe to say that the invitations are seldom declined, for his vehicles are the best to be had, and the drives around Tarrytown are beautiful. Mr. Rockefeller, before starting for a ride, always dons a paper vest, declaring it a great protection against colds, and he insists that his guests do the same. After the ride he refuses to take back the garments, and consequently in nearly every home in Tarrytown may be found a paper vest preserved as a souvenir of a delightful ride with the multi-millionaire.

At Washington information received points to an early conflict between the armies of Peru and Ecuador over their boundary disputes.

Death claimed 1,595 lives in Iowa during the month of March, so the monthly report of Secretary Summer of the state board of health, just issued, shows.

The directors of the Aero club of America decided to hold the international aviation meet on Hempstead plains, Long Island. The race for world's championship will be held October 2.

Carrying an aggregate appropriation of \$241,000,000, the postoffice appropriation bill was passed by the senate after forty minutes' consideration.

Since a decision was rendered holding the South Dakota employers' liability law invalid the Nebraska statute is being closely watched.

A petition for the pardon of John R. Walsh, now serving a term in the Leavenworth penitentiary for violation of the national banking laws, soon will be forwarded to the department of justice.

With Emperor William as an auditor Theodore Roosevelt delivered a notable address at the University of Berlin.

F. Augustus Heinze was acquitted of the charge of misapplication of the funds of a bank.

Three masked men blew the safe of the First State bank at Dumont, Minn.

Regular trips were started on the Missouri river by a cargo steamer.

In less than fifteen minutes time the senate considered and passed the pension appropriation bill carrying about \$155,000,000.

The International & Great Northern railroad is to be sold under foreclosure to satisfy the claims of the holders of second mortgage bonds, aggregating \$12,165,545.60. The date of the sale will be fixed later.

Senators Burkett and Brown have given no assurance that they will vote for the railroad bill.

The American Sugar Refining company has appealed its case to the supreme court.

President Taft paid tribute to the foreign soldiers who helped the United States to win independence.

The house will investigate to determine if the sugar trust bought the friar lands.

Former President Roosevelt is expected to be the guest of honor and principal speaker at the formal opening of the international bridge across the Rio Grande at Brownsville, Tex., in July.

Statutes to two Polish-American heroes were unveiled in Washington. President Taft's railroad bill as amended is a long stride forward in railroad legislation.

The senate has passed the omnibus lighthouse bill, which makes provision for aids to navigation practically on every coast of the United States. As amended in the committee on commerce it carries items aggregating about \$2,500,000.

The New York Stock exchange will be closed for two hours on Friday, May 20, during the funeral of King Edward.

Montreal exporters fear a grain famine at that port, owing to the refusal of Manitoba grain men to market last year's crop for less than 99 cents.

Advices received at Guayaquil state that the Peruvian government has stationed 100,000 men along the frontier to resist invasion.

The county treasurer at Seattle forced the Seattle Electric company to pay up \$167,000 of delinquent taxes by seizing 12 of its cars.

The French minister of marines has ordered that all ships of the French navy carry their flags at half mast until after the funeral of King Edward.

The department of justice at Washington has begun its crusade against the bucketshops of the country.

The demand of the administration for two new battleships will be granted, the senate committee on naval affairs having practically decided to accept the provision of the house bill on this subject.

The federal government will construct a wireless station at Omaha.

The house passed a bill providing that Indian lands near Falls City in Richardson county, Neb., be included in the Nemaha river drainage improvement now being made.

After twelve years the ill-fated battleship Maine is to be removed from Havana harbor and the bodies which went down with the vessel and will be interred in the national cemetery at Arlington.

Mayor McCarthy is trying to show that San Francisco is the proper place for a Panama exposition.

There is a disposition of the house committee to hold back the postal savings bank bill.

The tomb of Edward VII will be beneath the memorial chapel at Windsor.

Nearly a thousand bodies have been taken from the earthquake ruins at Cartago, Costa Rica.

An imperative edict at Peking summons the national assembly to meet October 3 and announces the appointment of ninety-six members representing all classes.

The senate judiciary committee has reported favorably a bill to aid the states bordering on Lake Michigan to break up gambling on specially chartered boats along the coast.

Personal.

George V was publicly proclaimed King of Great Britain.

Former State Printer Mark Slater was sentenced to four years in the Ohio penitentiary.

Mr. Roosevelt may be designated a special ambassador to attend the funeral of King Edward.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Joseph G. Armstrong, director of the department of public works in the city of Pittsburgh, charging him with forgery, perjury and false pretenses.

Signor Marconi has completed the reconstruction of the wireless station at Glace bay and is now enroute to Montreal.

Orville Wright has denied that he or his brother will attempt an aeroplane flight from Dayton to Chicago.

Governor James O. Davidson of Wisconsin, is authoritatively announced, will not be a candidate for renomination as governor or for any other office.

It is not likely that congress will adjourn before July.

Dr. B. C. Hyde and his wife were star witnesses for the defense in the Kansas City murder trial.

Gompers says he is not trying to form a new party, but wants farmers to be non-partisan.

Turning Hawk, an Omaha Indian, saw the comet seventy-five years ago when he was a young man.

Thirty-two awards of medals for acts of heroism were made by the Carnegie hero fund commission at its spring meeting.

Secretary Wilson promised Senator Burkett he would look into the hog cholera situation in Nebraska.

Senators Cummins and Dooliver were in Iowa to open the campaign of progressive republicans.

Right Rev. John B. MacGinley of Philadelphia was consecrated bishop of Nueva Caceres, Philippine Islands.

The late king of England was one of the best beloved monarchs of Europe.

TUBERCULOSIS LAW

COPY OF THE ENACTMENT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1909.

WHAT THE STATUTE PROVIDES

The Law Made Public at This Time Because of Some Newspaper Criticism.

There having been some criticism of the Nebraska laws regulating tuberculosis, the Poole enactment passed by the last legislature and effective July 1 of last year, is herewith printed:

4407. Sec. 4. (Consumptives, Hospital Care). Any person who is afflicted with tuberculosis disease of the respiratory organs of a curable nature, and who has been a resident of this state for at least one year continuously preceding the application for his or her admission to a hospital under the provisions of this act, and who is without means to pay for hospital care and treatment, may be admitted to such treatment under the provisions of this act.

4707. Sec. 5. (Board of Health—Duty). It shall be the duty of the Nebraska state board of health to institute inquiry for and receive applications from hospitals in this state for the care and treatment of the persons described in section 1 of this act. It shall pass upon and make a list of the hospitals suitably equipped and managed and willing to receive patients under this act, and send a list thereof to each county clerk in the state. It shall prescribe regulations for the care, housing and nursing of each patient, and see that the same are complied with. Provided, that the charges at any such hospital for any patient under this act shall not exceed \$7 per week, and shall include board, lodging, care and medical services. Provided further, that it is made obligatory for any such hospital or sanatorium to use modern treatment by immunization (vaccine therapy) in addition to open air and other sanitary methods.

4707. Sec. 6. (Expenses by County). It is hereby made the duty of each county in this state to bear the pecuniary burdens of caring for the persons described in section 1 of this act in the manner provided by this act. Upon written application to the county judge signed by the person seeking treatment or by some relative or friend, setting forth the name, residence and circumstances of such person, the county judge shall order a hearing and examine under oath such persons as may be required by him to establish the facts. If the county judge shall be satisfied that all the conditions named in section 1 of this act are fulfilled he shall approve the application in writing and certify the same to the county board of directors. It shall thereupon be the duty of the county board to provide for the transportation of such person to some hospital in the state approved by the state board of health and willing to receive such a patient and to pay for his or her care and treatment there. Provided, no person shall be cared for under the provisions of this act without a certificate from a practicing physician that such person is afflicted with tuberculosis disease of the respiratory organs of a curable nature.

Mr. C. W. Poole, author of this measure, presenting the same for publication, says:

"While I do not contend that this measure is perfect, I believe it to be a step in the right direction out of which Nebraska will eventually have a law second to none in the union."

New Equipment for Rock Island. The Rock Island railroad has filed with the secretary of state its contract with the Bankers' Trust company for new equipment for its system, to cost \$6,750,000, for the payment of which bonds have been issued.

Flights at the Fair. The state board of agriculture signed a contract with a representative of the Wright brothers for an aeroplane exposition at the next state fair. The contract calls for two exhibitions on each of the five days.

Laws Out of Date. In an address to the State Medical association Dr. J. B. Greene, formerly superintendent of the Lincoln asylum, but now of Illinois, said the Nebraska laws for the administration of charitable institutions were the most antiquated in the country.

Vacancies Filled. The executive committee of the Nebraska association for promoting the interests of the blind met last week. Two new members were elected to fill the vacancies on the executive committee. They were Miss Etta Caton of Lincoln and Frank Brigham of College View.

Invitation to Roosevelt. An invitation will be extended to Theodore Roosevelt to make an address before the Epworth assembly this summer, according to an announcement yesterday through the Lincoln Commercial club. A committee of club members who are also boosters of the assembly will send a letter asking him to come. As Mr. Roosevelt is to speak before the national conservation congress at Kansas City and fill some other western dates, it is hoped that he can be booked for a Lincoln engagement.

THEY ARE ALL BUSY.

Nebraska Girls and Boys Enter Contests.

State Superintendent Bishop reports that instead of 1,000 boys and girls taking part in the agricultural and cooking contests, as was expected, 4,000 will participate. Reports of the participants for April are now coming into his office. He says of the contests:

"We organized this year what is known as the home experiment department of the Nebraska Boys' and Girls' club. This provides for definite work to be carried out at the homes of the members, especially during the summer vacation months.

"The work of the boys has six divisions: The 'oar to row' experiment with corn; acre contest with corn; husking contest; 'size of seed piece' experiment with potatoes; acre contest with potatoes and sweet pea culture.

"The girls handle problems in domestic science. The work in cooking includes some of the best methods for cooking and serving nutritious foods, canning and preserving of some of the fruits in season each month, the study of bacteria and molds and the preservation of foods. It also includes butter making. The work in sewing includes the study and practice of the eight fundamental stitches, their use in making articles which are necessary and useful to the girl. Sweet pea culture is also a part of the girls' work this year.

"In all this work report blanks are sent to those enrolled and they are required to make a definite report each month on the work done.

"In organizing the work it was the intention to interest only 1,000, but the membership applications have come in so rapidly that a total of about 4,000 will be reached. These young people vary in age from ten to twenty-one years, and are scattered all over the state. They include pupils of rural, town and city schools.

"Reports of the April work are now coming in. With the boys, the reports deal with the germination test for the corn they are planting, and with the planting of potatoes under 'size of seed piece' experiment.

"The girls are reporting on the first months' work in sewing and cooking. This includes the making of Chinese muffins and cocoa, and in sewing the first four of the eight fundamental stitches with samples of the running stitch, over-casting, basting and hemming.

"The work in sewing for May includes overhanding and the making of an apron from directions given.

"In cooking, during May, the girls will practice on pot roasts, brown gravy and dumplings."

Memorial Day Order.

In accordance with the usual custom, the comrades of the department of Nebraska, United Spanish war veterans, will observe memorial day, Monday, May 30. No greater honor can be done than to place a garland or wreath upon the last resting place of those who offered their lives in defense of the country's flag. It is proper at this time to recollect the value of the lessons of patriotism taught by the soldier dead, and to recall to mind the glorious results of their services to the nation.

Therefore, as department commander, I request every comrade to faithfully observe the day by placing a flower upon the grave of all Spanish war soldiers.

The observance of this day includes that of attendance at divine service the Sunday preceding memorial day. Let every action breathe the spirit of fraternity. By order of E. H. PHELPS, Dept. Commander. HARRY F. M'GURLEN, Dept. Adjt.

Obedy Orders of the Commission. The Burlington railroad has informed the State Railway commission that it will proceed at once to construct a transfer switch at York to connect with the Northwestern. The order for the transfer switch was made about a year or so ago and the case was taken to the courts, where it is still pending.

Two Adjudged Insane. Two more unfortunates were adjudged insane by the Lancaster county commission and there is no room for them in any of the state hospitals. Both of the new patients are men, and one is being cared for at home by the wife, while the other is confined in the county jail.

Federal Grand Jury. May 24 was fixed as the date for the sitting of the federal grand jury to begin, while the petit jury will not report until two weeks later, on June 6. Names were drawn for each.

Permit to Issue Stock. The state railway commission gave the Paxton and Sutherland Telephone company authority to issue \$2,500 of stock for reconstruction and extensions. Permission was also given the Elk Valley Telephone company of Emerson to issue \$7,500 in stock for the same purpose.

A State Fair Attraction. Following a hitch in the negotiations with Glenn Curtiss for a series of aeroplane flights at the next state fair the board of agriculture took up communication with the Wright brothers and have received a letter stating that the famous aeroplane inventors and drivers would put on four flights every day during the fair. The board regards itself as lucky in securing these men, who are pioneers in the art of flying and who have a wider reputation than any of their competitors.

WORKING FOR PEACE

EFFORTS TO WIPE OUT REPUBLICAN FACTIONAL LINES.

CONFERENCE AT WHITE HOUSE

Many Things Talked Over and a Revised Legislative Program Tentatively Made Up.

Washington.—Whether it is feasible at this late day to try to wipe out republican factional lines and meet on some common ground that would unite the insurgents and regulars in congress is the question before the republican leaders. It was raised at a conference at the White house.

A great many things were talked over at the gathering, and a revised legislative program was made up tentatively which, it was believed, would command the votes of practically all of the regular republicans. A discussion followed as to the possibility of making certain concessions that might attract all of the republicans of the senate.

Practically all of the republican senators from the west were present Sunday night, except the most radical progressives, namely: Senators La Follette, Beveridge, Cummins, Dooliver, Bristow and Clapp. Among the progressives who attended were Senators Nelson, Borah, Burkett, Dixon, Gamble and Crawford. These men took a leading part in the discussion and expressed the opinion that the differences between the insurgents and regulars were not irreconcilable.

The sudden amalgamation of insurgents and regulars of the senate last Friday, which resulted in the adoption of an amendment to the administration railroad bill on the subject of long and short hauls, appeared to have made the regulars more tolerant of progressive views on the pending measure. The "getting together" was necessitated by the discovery that the democrats of the senate had formed a solid front to secure the adoption of a democratic provision relating to long and short hauls, which was to have been put in motion after they had voted with the regular republicans to defeat the Dixon amendment, favored by the insurgents.

It would be difficult to decide whether the regulars or the insurgents were the more surprised when they learned the plans of the democrats. A vote had been ordered and the unanimous consent agreement and there was little time for thought. Senator Aldrich advised his colleagues that it was time for the republicans to get together. The insurgents, after learning the situation, acquiesced, and both factions acted accordingly.

Neither republican faction got exactly what it wanted, but it demonstrated the fact that the republicans could "unite against a common enemy." At the White house there was some comment on this fact, and it was argued that if this could be done in relation to the long and short haul amendment to the railroad bill, the case was not hopeless as applied to other measures on the administration legislative program.

When the senate meets Monday to resume consideration of the railroad bill, it is expected that there will be a number of informal conferences. Senators Borah, Nelson, Dixon and others who have voted with and against the older republican leaders of the senate, are expected to act as intermediaries where "go betweens" appear to be necessary.

J. W. VAN CLEAVE IS DEAD.

Former Head of National Manufacturers' Association Expires.

St. Louis.—J. W. Van Cleave, former president of the National Manufacturers' association, died of heart disease at his home here Sunday. Mr. Van Cleave attracted international attention and became a power to contend with in both of the large political parties in national convention by reason of his uncompromising attitude toward the big labor leaders.

Glass in Appendix.

New York.—A jagged fragment of glass was found in the appendix of a young man who was operated on here Sunday. It is said to be the first case in which the presence of glass has indicated as a cause of appendicitis.

See Flag on Mount McKinley.

Seattle.—Mail advices from Fairbanks, dated April 23, state that the American flag placed on the summit of Mount McKinley on April 3 by Thomas Lloyd and his three companions, has been sighted.

Experts to Examine Maine.

Washington.—When the wreck of the Battleship Maine is raised from the mud at the bottom of Havana harbor, it is the present purpose of the United States government to invite Spain to send expert engineers to be present at the examination of the vessel's hull, provided it is found that the Spanish government desires or will accept such an invitation. It is probable also that it will be intimated to other naval powers that this government would be glad to have them send representatives.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest From Various Parts of State.

Mothers' Day was observed in many towns of Nebraska.

Extensive improvements are being made at Arlington by the Northwestern.

The new German Lutheran church eight miles from Tecumseh was dedicated last Sunday.

Robbers looted four stores at Daykin, a little town in Jefferson county. No arrests thus far.

Holdrege people are preparing for an elaborate musicale to take place in two or three weeks.

Sarah K. Miller of Syracuse wants a divorce on the ground that her husband refuses to support her.

Nebraska City has granted eleven saloon licenses thus far and more applications are to be considered.

Kearney wants the same freight rates as are enjoyed by other distributing centers and has appealed to the state railroad commission.

Petitions are being circulated in every township in Merriam county asking that the county board meet and reconsider its action of voting \$1,000 toward a bridge over the Platte river at Havens.

Company F of Madison has been mustered out of the service by Adjutant General Hartigan. In the same order the adjutant general gave authority to Major C. S. Frazier to recruit a new company.

The Gage County Gas, Light and Power company will soon commence the erection of a modern electric plant on the Blue river at a point half way between Beatrice and Holmesville. About \$90,000 will be spent.

The Young Men's Christian association of Fremont held their annual meeting and banquet. The report of the president S. S. Sidner, showed a deficit in running expenses due to the installation of the bowling alleys.

At Lexington Frank Olive went to his father-in-law's house and attempted to break in when shots were exchanged, Frank Olive receiving a slight wound in the side.

Red Willow county has the distinction of having the highest average fall wheat crop condition in the South Platte country, reports showing a gain over last year of 60 per cent.

C. M. Linn's elevator and its contents at St. Mary, Johnson county, burned to the ground. The cause of the fire is unknown, though it is thought it was from a spark from a passing Burlington locomotive. The elevator was worth \$5,000 and was built in 1885.

Several of the Omaha saloonists charged with selling liquor to the Indian Lamoreaux, were given a hearing before United States Commissioner Anderson and were bound over to the federal grand jury in \$500 each, which meets in Omaha in December.

Beatrice has given license to another saloon, making even in all, receding from first intentions of having only six drinking places in the town. One of the largest cash deals in real estate ever consummated in Merriam county was made when the 400 acres of land owned by M. D. Hadcox, four miles northeast of Chapman, was sold to W. M. Colton of New York for \$40,000.

C. R. Taplin, chairman of the board of commissioners of Sioux county, has requested Governor Shallenberger to intercede with the war department to change Colonel Kingsbury's mind about the closing of two highways that run through the military reservation at Fort Crawford. The roads have been used for twenty years.

Union Pacific has paid Mrs. Louis D. Tounine, administratrix \$4,000 damages for the death of her son, Willie Ray Tounine and judgment has been entered by agreement. Tounine was employed by the Union Pacific as an air inspector. He was under a car at Grand Island adjusting a brake, when the train started, fatally crushing him.

State Superintendent E. C. Bishop has apportioned the sum of \$2,873.34 of school funds derived from government forest reserves to the counties of Blaine, Cherry and Grant, in which government forest reserves are situated. This money was in the state treasury May 2. It belongs to the school funds in which government forest reserves are located.

Robert Bethel, who lives twenty miles southwest of Table Rock, near the Kansas line, was killed by the collapsing of a bridge he was crossing near his home. He leaves a widow and five small children, one of his children having been burned to death near the house several months ago.

The census enumeration has been concluded in Beatrice, and the enumerators have turned their books over to the district supervisor. It is thought the count is not as complete as it ought to be.

Word has been received in York of the death of Joseph Boyer at his home in Long Beach, Cal. Mr. Boyer was one of the early homesteaders of York county.

Vencil A. Stropinsky of Barneston was given a hearing before the insanity commissioners and ordered committed to the asylum.

Whether or not the town of Scotts Bluff shall linger along as a village or a city of the second class has been appealed to the supreme court. The district judge held that the failure of the village trustees to divide the town into wards renders the April election void and that the town must continue to be governed by its present village trustees, although it has 1,000 inhabitants, until next April when an election may be held.